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Learn about the negative of i-adjectives

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A: スウェーデン語の勉強は楽しいですか。

B: は～い。楽しいです。

C: でも、むずかしいです。

D: えっ、むずかしくないよ。やさしいよ。

C: えー？やさしくないよ～。むずかしいよ。

テストはいつも８０点です。

D: そ、そ、そんな....８０点は悪くないよ。

私はいつも６０点です。

C: えー！それはよくないね。もっと頑張ってね。

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スウェーデン語 [スウェーデンご]
Swedish

べんきょう [べんきょう]
study

楽しい [たのしい] 1 EXAMPLE
enjoyable, fun; i-Adj

ディズニーランドは楽しいです。
Disneyland is fun.

悪くない [わるくない]
not bad

点 [てん]
spot, point

難しい [むずかしい]
difficult

易しい [やさしい]
easy, plain, simple

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Lesson Focus

Today's grammar point covers the negative of *i*-adjectives.

In order to form the negative of *i*-adjectives, remove the final *i* and attach *kunai*.
See the following table:

i-adjective	Meaning	Negative	Meaning
寒い samui	"cold"	寒くない samukunai	"not cold"
おもしろい omoshiroi	"interesting"	おもしろくない omoshirokunai	"uninteresting"
楽しい tanoshii	"fun"	楽しくない tanoshikunai	"not fun"
忙しい isogashii	"busy"	忙しくない isogashikunai	"not busy"

There is one irregular *i*-adjective. The adjective Ii, meaning "good," is derived from the more polite *yoi*, and its negative conjugation is based on *yoi*, which becomes *yokunai*. Adjectives that incorporate *ii* are conjugated in the same way. For example, *kakkōii* becomes *kakkōyokunai*.

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Kanji

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KANJI	READING	MEANING	1ST CHARACTER	2ND CHARACTER
点	てん	Mark	点・Point	
勉強	べん・きょう	Study	勉・Exertion	強・Strong
楽しい	たの・しい	Enjoyable	楽・Comfort	
悪くない	わる・くない	Not bad	悪・Bad	
易しい	やさ・しい	Easy	易・Easy	

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